

The Lawn is Gone

Make a Perennial Garden

This former turf area, the size of a standard residential lawn, has been converted to a flowering garden of native plants. These California natives are naturally drought tolerant and require little water once established. This garden alone will save over 13,000 gallons of precious water a year!

Converting a lawn to a native plant garden is an easy and fun way to help the environment and significantly reduce water use at home. This beautiful perennial garden provides year round color, is low maintenance, and supports birds and butterflies. Visit the Habitat Garden nearby to see a different garden plan.

More information and plans for these native gardens are available at the Crab Cove Visitor Center.

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Showy, but shorter-blooming, native plants such as the Douglas Iris (*Iris douglasiana*) provide seasonal color and attract pollinators.



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California fuchsia blooms in late summer and into fall and can help fuel hummingbirds on their southern migration.

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Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*), one of the long blooming plants in this garden, repels insect pests and attracts beneficial predatory insects such as ladybugs. It is also a nectar source for bees and native butterflies such as the Calcedon Checkerspot (*Euphydryas*) (*Occidryas*) (*chalcadona*)



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